

Episode 15

Vocabulary 圖解詞語

1. point (n.): the main gist of the argument

例句: The point I am trying to make is that everyone makes mistakes, so please don't be too hard on her.

	get straight to the point	
point (v.)	point (n.)	
point out		

get straight to the point: When you tell someone to get straight to the point, you are telling that person to “cut to the chase,” or demanding that the person answer you straightforwardly. Also important is the expression “beat around the bush,” which is the *opposite* of “getting straight to the point.”

例句: “I’m sorry, but I really don’t have time for all your pleasantries and indirect words; please get straight to the point.”

point (v.): to show or tell someone something

例句: The arrow points to the south.

例句: Thank you for pointing that out to me.

2. try (n.): an effort or attempt

例句: Thomas Edison went through thousands of tries before successfully inventing a light bulb.

	give it a try	
try (v.)	try (n.)	trial (n.)
try and try (again)		

To give something a try is an attempt at something, or to try something for the first time.

例句: I've never eaten raw fish before, but I'll give it a try.

try (v.): to attempt to do something

例句: We try very hard to do our best.

try and try again (v.): used when one is emphasizing how many attempts he or she has made in an effort to get or perfect something; keep trying.

例句: Charles tried and tried and eventually he got a job three years after he had graduated from college.

trial (n.): it can mean a testing period or test run (試用). It can also be used in a judicial examination (審訊、訴訟).

例句: The trial period for this software is 90 days.

例句: She is on trial for a criminal case (刑案).

3. double-check (v.): to check again; to be absolutely certain

例句: Please double-check the list of necessities for your business trip; better safe than sorry!

	double-check (v.)	

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4. progress (n.): advancement toward a goal

例句: Tell me your progress in obtaining your college degree, and how much work you have left.

	make progress (on)	
progress (v.)	progress (n.)	

make progress: to make improvements or move forward in a project.

例句: Thanks to all of you, we are making great progress on this report!

progress (v.): to move forward, indicating a series of events that are closely connected with each other

例句: As the game progressed, the competition between the two teams became more and more heated.

